BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-349-C - ORDER NO. 98-616

AUGUST 10, 1998

| IN RE: | Application of ASC Telecom, Inc. for Modification of Tariff Filing Procedures. |) | ORDER APPROVING | JIR_ |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of ASC Telecom, Inc. (ASC or the Company) for modification of its tariff filing procedures. The Company seeks to have its business services, consumer card and operator service tariff offerings not be required to state maximum rates (caps), and further, that such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing, with the understanding that the Commission has the right within seven (7) days to establish an investigation of the tariff filing.

The Commission's Executive Director required the Company to publish one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected areas a Notice of Filing, which sets out the particulars of the Company's proposal and a method for participation by the public in the proceedings. The Company complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Accordingly, we have examined the request, and find that the proposed procedures contained therein are consistent with procedures set out in our Order Nos. 95-

1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. We therefore approve the proposed modifications to the Company's tariff filing procedures as requested.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This T. Madly

ATTEST:

Acting Executive Director

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